

REMARKS


The only issue outstanding in the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, is the rejection of claims 18 - 53, 55 and 56 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 - 40 of U.S. Patent 6,677,002. The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowability of claims 1, 7 - 17 and 54.

It is respectfully submitted that the attached Terminal Disclaimer renders the rejection moot, and that the claims are accordingly in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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